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Project report

Dodgeville to Dickeyville

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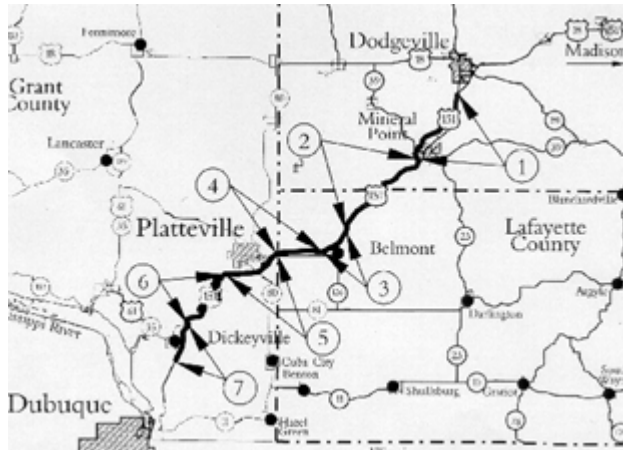
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Overview

Forty miles of US 151, a two-lane highway between the village of Dickeyville and the city of Dodgeville, is being rebuilt as a four-lane divided expressway. Approximately half of the project will be built on new locations, serving primarily to bypass the communities of Dickeyville, Platteville, Belmont and Mineral Point. The work has been spilt into seven segments for funding, scheduling and other purposes, as shown on the map above.

Planning

Design, right of way acquisition and final plan development are ongoing. Upcoming field activities for the next three to four months will include: survey to mark new right of way and to relocate utilities.

Right of way acquisition and final plan preparation will be completed by the fall of 2004.

Construction

Construction of the new road from north to south began in March of 2001. The grading and bridgework of the Mineral Point to Dodgeville segment was the first project to get underway. This includes the Mineral Point bypass. Two contracts were awarded to both Mashuda Contractors, Inc. and H. James & Sons, Inc. for this work, which were completed in August of 2002.

Three new contracts began in 2002. The first includes some remaining grading and all concrete paving for the eight miles between Mineral Point and Dodgeville (segment 1). This contract was awarded to Streu Construction and was completed November of 2002. This eight-mile segment is now open to four-lane traffic.

Two other contracts include grading, structures and concrete pavement for the eight-miles between Belmont and Mineral Point (segment 2). H. James and Sons was awarded the contract for the southern four miles of segment 2. The contract for the north four miles was awarded to Mashuda Contractors, Inc. in March 2002. The contracts are for two years. Two new lanes will be completed in 2002 and the remaining two lanes in 2003.

Remaining segments of US 151 will be constructed in 2003 to 2005. The Dickeyville Bypass segment will be completed last, and is expected to be open to traffic in the fall of 2005. Additional details on project schedules are noted below.

Project schedule

Segment One

Began construction Mar. 2001
End construction 2002

Segment Two

Began construction 2002
End construction 2003

Segment Three

Complete right of way
Acquisition.....2002
Begin construction 2003
End construction 2003

Segment Four

Complete right of way
Acquisition.....2002
Begin construction 2003
End construction 2004

Segment Five

Complete right of way
Acquisition.....2003
Begin construction 2003
End construction 2004

Segment Six

Complete right of way
Acquisition.....2003
Begin construction 2004
End construction 2005

Segment Seven

Complete right of way
Acquisition.....2004
Begin construction 2004
End construction 2005



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